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AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY KABUL

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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY MANILA

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY RANGOON

AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 5517

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: GATT, ETRD, ASEAN, TH

SUBJECT: BANGKOK AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 239310, 76 BANGKOK 29157 (NOTAL)

1. BANGKOK AGREEMENT SEEMS A DEAD LETTER AS FAR AS THAILAND
IS CONCERNED. THAIS VIEWED ORIGINAL SIGNING OF AGREEMENT
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AS A HARMLESS EXERCISE BUT HAVE SINCE MADE DECISION NOT TO
RATIFY BECAUSE OF PRIORITY OF TRADE AGREEMENTS WITH ASEAN
COUNTRIES.

2. THE ESCAP SECRETARIAT HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT NO
ASEAN COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE TWO SIGNATORIES (THAILAND
AND THE PHILIPPINES), IS EXPECTED TO RATIFY. EXCEPT FOR

THAILAND AND THE PHILIPPINES, ALL OF THE ORIGINAL SIGNATORIES (INCLUDING LAOS) HAVE RATIFIED. THE AGREEMENT IS OPEN TO NON-SIGNATORIES AND THE ESCAP OFFICIAL EXPECTED THAT AFGHANISTAN WOULD RATIFY SOON AND THAT BURMA AND NAPAL WERE ALSO LIKELY TO RATIFY.

3. THAILAND IS NOT A MEMBER OF GATT AND WOULD THEREFORE NOT PLAY A ROLE ON THE QUESTIONS OF WHETHER TO SEEK A WAIVER BECAUSE OF THE AGREEMENT'S INCOMPATIBILITY WITH GATT.

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